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Islamic Council of Europe

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H E the Ambassador
Embassy of the People's Republic of Bulgaria
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Excellency,

It has been brought to our attention that Muslim citizens of Bulgaria are being forced, under a compulsory baptization order, to change their Islamic names into Christian or Slavonic ones.

As this programme is clearly in violation of the United Nations' Declaration of Human Rights, which states that every person has the right to freedom of conscience and religion, we ask you to inform your government of the concern of Muslims throughout the world that their brothers and sisters in Bulgaria are in danger of losing their religious identity.

I hope that you will be able to advise your government to take the necessary steps to redress this situation.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary General

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